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Applicant: Christof ROSCHER, *et al.*

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THEREOF

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Sir:

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits and were cited in the

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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